

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Amendment, claims 1-11, 20-24, and 26-27 are canceled. Claims 14-19 are pending.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner's courtesy in granting an interview to Applicants' representative on 03/10/2009 is gratefully acknowledged. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

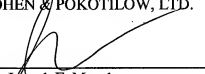
In a telephonic interview, the Examiner indicated that claims 14-19 are allowable, and requested cancellation of the non-elected claims. Non-elected claims 1-11, 20-24, and 26-27 have been canceled herein.

For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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